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1. The Russians are completing a WIFO (Wirtschaftliche Forschungsgesellschaft) project initiated in 1944 near Kaliningrad (Königsberg). The Germans had built a subterranean storage plant for engine fuel with a capacity of 25,000 - 30,000 tons but were unable to finish the pipeline connecting the plant, which is located between Kaliningrad and Kranz, with the Samland coast.
2. A Soviet office in Kaliningrad is directing the completion of this work, which is being performed by 100 to 150 conscripted laborers. The depot will be a reserve storage plant for the Soviet Navy, including submarines. During the autumn of 1947, tank cars delivered engine fuel and aviation gasoline to the depot. These deliveries were made to Druehnen (54°48'N, 20°32'E), approximately fifteen kilometers from the coast. The Druehnen station is the length of a freight train and is so constructed that it is possible to empty an entire train of tank cars in a short time.

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extensive underground fuel depot which the Wehrmacht built directly under the town of Druehnen was intact when it fell into Russian hands and is now being used by the Russians for fuel storage. This is undoubtedly the depot discussed above.

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